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H! What cross Fate doth attend me? I have plaid my Cards bravely, no sooner escaped out of Prison; thinking to recover my old fame amongst the Phanatique crew (who hath alwaics lookt A 2

upon me as their refuge) but that I miscarried (I think I may say in my last enterprise) for I think I shall never be able to Head any more Parties, because they will make me shorter my self by the head: indeed it they had not followed us so hard we might have done some good on it, if they had let Col. Okey, whaley, Desborough, and Col. Goff. come to the Rendezvouz, which would have been within a day or two in Leicesterskire: But we were hunted by some of our own breed, who knew the game as well as my felf, and served me as I did Sir George Booth, dissipated me before I could get my forces together, but surely there was either treachery or cowerdize in it, or both, for the Anabaptists and the rest of the Phanatiques I am sure they would not have failed. me of the hundred thousand pounds they promised me; nay I believe the fisters would have brought in their botkins ad thimbles as fast as they did at the beginning of the Wars, so that there could have been no need of money, if we of the souldiery had not spoyled the defignour selves.

Enter Col. Cobbet, Major Creed, Young Ha-

Col. Cob. What all alone my Lord? but why should I ask such a silly question, when I heard you were as well as we committed close Prisoner, but we through the help of some friends have gaind the liberty to come and see you, though it be with some hazard.

Lambert. How simply thou talkst, can you hazard more

then you have done your lives.

r. Haste. Me thinks your Lordship looks pale and

wan, and not as you use to do.

Lamb. Thou art a puny, thou art not sensible of losing a design,

design, I'le warrant thee thy Father takes no rest nor sleep a nights for thinking of the failing of this design: for I know (if he escape while then) which way he must go when King Charles comes.

Maj. Creed. But Sir, what news? have you no in-

telligence privately?

Lam: No not is I have fent out my mad fellow Roger (which they take for a fool) and expect him every minute a-gain.

Cobbet. Hord here comes fome body.

Lam. It is he, ask him what news.

Colbet. How now Roger what news abroad?

Roger. Shall I deal plainly and truly with you?

Cobb: I prethee do.

Roger. why truly the common talk is, you will be hanged; with a great many more of your confederates, as Liev. Coll. Yong, Cap. Clare, Capt. Gregory, and Cap. Spinnage, with a great many great ones, as Col. Okey, Axtel, Whaley, Goff, Desborough, and others, of which some are taken, and the rest cannot escape; but for my Master it is said he shall have the priviledge of being beheaded, because he was Liev. Gen. (if he do not cheat the hangman, by stabbing, drowning, or hanging himself in his own cruel Garters.

All. Cut, Kick the Rogue, doth he come to scoff us

in our afflictions:

Y. Hast. Not so sierce Gentlemen, you forget you have no swords, no not so much as a knife to defend you from a dog

if he should run at your shins.

Lam. Scethe effects of Rebellion and Treason, when it fails in the attaining those Scullions, that before when you were in your height and lustre would have done the meanest of offices for you, now can upbraid and jeer

you to your face, when they see you under a cloud and like to come to ruine; but what do I trouble my self with these petty things, when my life lies at stake, and

no way to fave it as I know of.

Roger. what ayls you to be so angry, when you sent me out on purpose to gain Intelligence, and I brought you word what the common Verdict was, not as I wish it, for if I seek Countrey and City over, I Shall never have such another Mafter. a stout Master, a valiant Master, a generous Master, and what not; therefore I will see his end before I leave him.

Cob. But thou saidst thou hadst more news, prethee let us hear all now thou are relating it, for I approve of

it hugely.

Rog. well I'le relate it to you, may le you'l quarrel with me as you did for my other News; but tide Life tide Death, I le tell you as I am credibly informed by the Reverend Multitude (in whom I put great trust) that prefently after your Engagement at Edg-hill (it being well you were gone before) there was a frightful sight to the Countrey a matter of three or four Regiments, as nigh as could be guest of the Earl of Effex's old Souldiers, all rising together, crying out for King and Parliament, for King and Parliament: And by them that knew them better then I, there was Hambden, and Hollis; and other of their old Officers that led them up in a brave equipage. Nay, they say, they march for London, to keep Guard there, which will be a great ease to the Trained-Bands and Auxiliaries; for do but set them to their several Guards, and they never look for no relief: All the fear is they will heartily fright our Gity-Dames; Some having no legs, some no Arms, may they say, some no Heads, yet all

trate Souldiers and Eire-men alike.

7. Haste: But thou art not to simple to believe these things furely Roper. Ro-

things lurely Roger.

Roger. surely I an good Mr. Hasterig, and so may you too and you will, and I'le warrant you'l see it it in Print to morrow.

T. Haste. Why you fool, is all true that is in Print? Roger. Yes Good-man-fool, or else what should be true.

Lamb. The fool grows impudent, fourn him away.

They all kick him out of the Room.

Now we are by our selves, let us sif we can) confider what course to take, for I have plaid fast and loose so with the other Parliament, that this will never trust me, without that when the King comes he should take piety and fet us at Liberty upon our good behaviour; the which it am fare I never, and I think most of us had never none to him.

Cob. what noise is this mithout.

Lanb. Barthedoor.

Y. Halle. That is in wain.

Maj. Creed. It is Roger with women at his heels, who fay they must speak with your Lordship.

They all slink away and leave-Lambert alone.

Roger. Sisters, quoth I, and civil women, the Devil they are; never was poor man so troubled to keep out a company of Cattel, I'le be hanged if one had not better have dealt with a company of Turnball-street Ladies; one catcht me by the cars, another by the hair, another by another place, I was never so traid of my Quidlibits in my life; but fince my Master and they are together, I'le leave them, and go down to my old sweetheart Sistes, who sells a cup of good Ale, and there she and I will drink away all forrow, though I were sure . my Master should be hanged to morrow.

Lamb. Good women, would you speak with me.

r. women. O thou betrayer of our Christian Li-

berty.

and stand up for us, Why couldest thou not try to overtreat them as Monck did thee; seeing there is no peace with the wicked; but we see the Lord hath left thee as he did Saul.

him and tare him to pieces, make an example of him, for I never lookt for better from him; now we want the old Protector, he would fight for us, stand with us, weep with us; nay do any thing with us for a need; but this piece of Northern-shrunk cloth.

Enter the warders and force them out.

Lamb. was ever man thus troubled and abused, once again help me my wits, better be hanged presently, then stay their leasure for an Axe——

Exeunt Omnes.

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